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1. CAMBODIAN PRESS AND RADIO OF MARCH 10 HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT ON MARCH 8 IN SVAY RIENG PROVINCE THERE OCCURRED DEMONSTRATIONS BY LOCAL CITIZENS AGAINST PRESENCE VC IN KHMER TERRITORY. DEMONSTRATIONS TOOK PLACE IN FIVE CENTERS WITH CROWDS VARYING FROM 200-500. ACCORDING TO PRESS, CROWDS SEIZED FROM VC 9 MACHINE PISTOLS, THREE AUTOMATIC RIFLES AND ONE 30MM MACHINE GUN BUT THERE IS NO CLEAR INDICATION WHETHER ARMS SEIZED DURING DEMONSTRATIONS OR HAD BEEN TAKEN PREVIOUSLY.

2. COMMENT: ABOVE INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT SINCE THIS FIRST TIME OUR KNOWLEDGE THAT SUCH ANTI-VC ACTS HAVE OCCURRED. IT SEEMS SIGNIFICANT AND SURPRISING IN AN AREA WHICH REPUTED PROFIT FROM SMUGGLING, ETC. FURTHERMORE, ACTIONS FOLLOWING SOME WEEKS OF INCREASING ANTI-NVN/VC EDITORIALS, PARTICULARLY IN VERNACULAR PRESS (PHNOM PENH A-66, BEING POUCHED MARCH 12). RIVES

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